

ARTICLE A: JACK ANDERSON'S WASHINGTON LETTER
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Is Andrei Gromyko on his way out? Eight months ago, I told you that Mikhail Gorbachev had clashed with the veteran Andrei Gromyko behind closed Kremlin doors. I reported that Gorbachev "challenged Gromyko over his show of hostility toward President Reagan." I added that if Reagan were re-elected, "this should further weaken Gromyko" and strengthen Gorbachev.

Earlier this month, Gorbachev squeezed Gromyko out of the Foreign Ministry which he has headed for 28 years. The next day, Gorbachev announced that he would meet with President Reagan in November.

Gromyko was elevated to the ceremonial post of president. Intelligence reports say he has been stripped of power and will devote his efforts to protocol instead of policymaking. It is only a matter of time, my sources predict, before Gromyko will be booted out of the Politburo altogether.